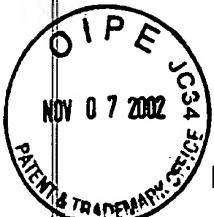




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 Application No.: 09/809,007 ) Examiner: Harlan, Robert D.  
 Filed: March 16, 2001 )  
 For: STABILIZING COMPOSITIONS )  
 COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO )  
 ANIONIC ASSOCIATIVE )  
 POLYMERS, THEIR USE FOR )  
 STABILIZATION OF NON-SOLID )  
 COMPOSITIONS, AND )  
 COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
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 COMPOSITION )

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

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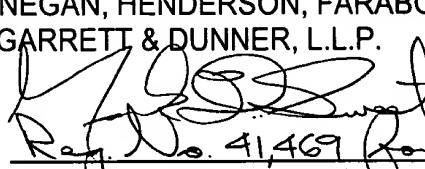
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